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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER DATED MARCH 9, 2007

This is in reply to the examiner's answer dated March 9, 2007.

In applicants' brief, they emphasized that the rejection was improper because (1) the rejection was based on non-analogous art, and/or (2) there was no motivation to combine the reference since modifying the primary reference as suggested by the examiner would destroy its intended purpose. Applicants reassert these arguments in this response, and submit that the examiner has failed to address them thoroughly.

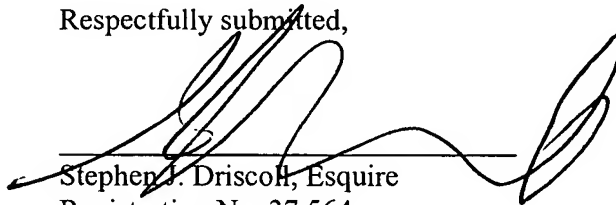
With regard to the first point, the examiner fails to analyze the cited art thoroughly to determine if it is analogous art. That is, to the extent understood, the examiner seems to admit that the Smith and Burgmann references are not in the same field of endeavor as the claimed invention. Specifically, when referring to these references, the examiners states that "the patents need not be in the same filed of endeavor since the teachings at issue relate to cartridge structure, not to matters of related to the specific use of device." The examiner fails, however, to addresses whether Smith and Burgmann are reasonable pertinent to the problem to be solved by the inventors as is required to determine analogous art. Thus, the analysis is incomplete and should be rejected by the board.

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Regarding the second point, again the examiner's analysis appears to be incomplete. Specifically, the applicants argue that "there is no motivation to modify the transceiver of *Poplawski* to have the housing as taught by *Burgmann* or *Smith* since such a modification would render the module of *Poplawski* unsuitable for its intended purpose." The examiner apparently ignores this argument. Accordingly, the examiner's answer should be rejected by the board and the claims allowed.

In light of the above remarks, an early and favorable response is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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